of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. In making his or her findings and recommendations, the hearing officer shall not consider confidential security information unless that information is made available to the person adversely affected and is made part of the record of the hearing.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

[31 FR 13540, Oct. 20, 1966, as amended at 49 FR 16989, Apr. 23, 1984]

§51.84 Appearance at hearing.

The person adversely affected may appear at the hearing in person or with his or her attorney, or by his or her attorney. The attorney must possess the qualifications prescribed for practice before the Board of Appellate Review or be admitted to practice before the courts of the country in which the hearing is to be held.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

[36 FR 9068, May 19, 1971, as amended at 49 FR 16989, Apr. 23, 1984]

§51.85 Proceedings before the hearing officer

The person adversely affected may appear and testify in his or her own behalf and may himself, or by his or her attorney, present witnesses and offer other evidence and make argument. If any witness whom the person adversely affected wishes to call is unable to appear in person, the hearing officer may, in his or her discretion, accept an affidavit by the witness or order evidence to be taken by deposition. The person adversely affected shall be entitled to be informed of all the evidence before the hearing officer and of the source of such evidence, and shall be entitled to confront and cross-examine any adverse witness. The person shall, upon request by the hearing officer, confirm his or her oral statements in an affidavit for the record.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

 $[31\ FR\ 13540,\ Oct.\ 20,\ 1966,\ as\ amended\ at\ 49\ FR\ 16989,\ Apr.\ 23,\ 1984]$

§51.86 Admissibility of evidence.

The person adversely affected and the Department may introduce such evidence as the hearing officer deems proper. Formal rules of evidence shall

not apply, but reasonable restrictions shall be imposed as to relevancy, competency and materiality of evidence presented.

§51.87 Privacy of hearing.

The hearing shall be private. There shall be present at the hearing only the person adversely affected, his or her attorney, the hearing officer, official stenographers, employees of the Department directly concerned with the presentation of the case, and the witnesses. Witnesses shall be present at the hearing only while actually giving testimony or when otherwise directed by the hearing officer.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

[31 FR 13540, Oct. 20, 1966, as amended at 49 FR 16989, Apr. 23, 1984]

§51.88 Transcript of hearing.

A complete verbatim stenographic transcript shall be made of the hearing by a qualified reporter, and the transcript shall constitute a permanent part of the record. Upon request, the appellant or his or her counsel shall be entitled to inspect the complete transcript and to purchase a copy thereof.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

[31 FR 13540, Oct. 20, 1966, as amended at 49 FR 16989, Apr. 23, 1984]

§51.89 Decision of Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs; notice of right to appeal.

The person adversely affected shall be promptly notified in writing of the decision of the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs and, if the decision is adverse to him or her, the notification shall state the reasons for the decision and inform him or her of the right to appeal the decision to the Board of Appellate Review (part 7 of this chapter) within 60 days after receipt of notice of the adverse decision. If no appeal is made within 60 days, the decision will be considered final and not subject to further administrative review.

[44 FR 68827, Nov. 30, 1979]

PART 52—MARRIAGES

Sec.

52.1 Celebration of marriage.

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52.2 Authentication of marriage and divorce documents.

52.3 Certification as to marriage laws.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 4, 63 Stat. 111, as amended; 22 U.S.C. 2658.

§52.1 Celebration of marriage.

Foreign Service officers are forbidden to celebrate marriages.

[31 FR 13546, Oct. 20, 1966]

§ 52.2 Authentication of marriage and divorce documents.

(a) Whenver a consular officer is requested to authenticate the signature of local authorities on a document of marriage when he was not a witness to the marriage, he shall include in the body of his certificate of authentication the qualifying statement, "For the contents of the annexed document, the Consulate (General) assumes no responsibility."

(b) A consular officer shall include the same statement in certificates of authentication accompanying decrees of divorce.

[31 FR 13546, Oct. 20, 1966. Redesignated at 51 FR 26247, July 22, 1986]

§ 52.3 Certification as to marriage laws.

Although a consular officer may have knowledge respecting the laws of marriage, he shall not issue any official certificate with respect to such laws.

[31 FR 13546, Oct. 20, 1966. Redesignated at 51 FR 26247, July 22, 1986]

PART 53—PASSPORT REQUIREMENT AND EXCEPTIONS

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53.1 Passport requirement.

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AUTHORITY: 8 U.S.C. 1185; Proc. 3004, 18 FR 489, 3 CFR, 1949–1953 Comp., p. 180.

Source: $31\ FR\ 13546,\ Oct.\ 20,\ 1966,\ unless$ otherwise noted.

§53.1 Passport requirement.

Under section 215(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1185(b), it is unlawful except as otherwise provided for any citizen of the

United States to depart from or enter, or attempt to depart from or enter, the United States without a valid passport.

§53.2 Exceptions.

A U.S. citizen is not required to bear a valid passport to enter or depart the United States:

(a) When traveling directly between parts of the United States as defined in

§50.1 of this chapter;

- (b) When traveling between the United States and any country, territory, or island adjacent thereto in North, South or Central America excluding Cuba; provided, that this exception is not applicable to any such person when proceeding to or arriving from a place outside the United States for which a valid passport is required under this part if such travel is accomplished within 60 days of departure from the United States via any country or territory in North, South or Central America or any island adjacent there-
- (c) When traveling as a bona fide seaman or air crewman who is the holder of record of a valid merchant mariner identification document or air crewman identification card;
- (d) When traveling as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty;
- (e) When he is under 21 years of age and is a member of the household of an official or employee of a foreign government or of the United Nations and is in possession of or included in a foreign passport;

(f) When he is a child under 12 years of age and is included in the foreign passport of an alien parent; however, such child will be required to provide evidence of his U.S. citizenship when entering the United States;

(g) When the citizen entering the United States presents a card of identity and registration issued by a consular office abroad to facilitate travel to the United States; or

(h) When specifically authorized by the Secretary of State through appropriate official channels to depart from or enter the United States, as defined in §50.1 of this chapter. The fee for a waiver of the passport requirement under this section shall be collected in the amount prescribed in the Schedule